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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR

REF: MOGADISCIO 0970

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLELE CALLED IN SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU ON JULY 2 TO POINT OUT HARMFUL EFFECTS ON RELATIONS WITH U.S. OF SOMALI GESTURES SUCH AS FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT REFTEL AND INVITATION TO PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION. SCHAUFLELE REMINDED ADDOU OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT ON JUNE 17 THAT ONE OF THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR GOOD US-SOMALI RELATIONS IS THAT SOMALIA REFRAIN FROM SYSTEMATIC HOSTILITY TO THE U.S. SCHAUFLELE GAVE ADDOU COPY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT AND EMPHASIZED THAT US CONSIDERS THE SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO TO BE AN INTERNAL MATTER. SCHAUFLELE CITED THESE AS TWO EXAMPLES OF THE SYSTEMATIC HOSTILITY WHICH WE HOPED THE SOMALIS WOULD AVOID, POINTING OUT THAT NEITHER KISSINGER NOR RUMSFELD

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HAD CRITICIZED SOMALIA ON THEIR TRIPS. IF SOMALIA HAD AN

OBJECTION TO REGISTER, THE GSDR SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE QUESTION UP IN PRIVATE DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE.

2. AMBASSADOR ADDOU CLAIMED NOT TO HAVE SEEN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY RELEASE BUT SAID THAT IT OBVIOUSLY REFLECTED CON-

CERN FELT BY SOMALIA OVER INCREASED U.S. MILITARY AID FOR ETHIOPIA AND KENYA. ADDOU MAINTAINED THAT WHILE SIAD HIMSELF DESIRED IMPROVED RELATIONS, OTHERS IN THE ILL-COORDINATED BUREAUCRACY DID NOT AND THAT SIAD COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE APPROVED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S STATEMENT. ADDOU NOTED THAT HE WAS IN DANGER OF BEING ACCUSED OF BEING AN APOLOGIST FOR THE U.S. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WITH POLITICAL CHANGES ATTENDANT TO THE FORMATION OF THE NEW SOMALI SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONARY PARTY, IT WAS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE U.S. TO IMPROVE RELATIONS BY DEMONSTRATING ITS INTERESTS IN SOMALIA. HE ASKED IF WE COULD NOT INCREASE OUR ECONOMIC AID TO "A MEANINGFUL LEVEL" OF DOLS 25 OR 30 MILLION PER ANNUM. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM A WEAPON WITH WHICH TO WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY FOR BETTER RELATIONS. BARRING THIS, HE SUGGESTED THAT A HIGH LEVEL VISIT TO MOGADISCIO, BY SCHAUFEELE OR THE SECRETARY, WOULD BE ANOTHER USEFUL GESTURE.

3. SCHAUFEELE REPLIED THAT WE HAD MADE OUR GESTURE IN RENEWING OUR ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM BUT THAT WE WOULD HAVE GRAVE DIFFICULTY IN CONTINUING IT OR CONVINCING CONGRESS TO VOTE THE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS, NOT TO SPEAK OF INCREASING IT, IN THE FACE OF THESE RECENT SOMALI ACTIONS. HE UNDERSTOOD AMBASSADOR ADDOU'S POSITION BUT SAID THAT IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE AMBASSADOR ADDOU COULD HELP HIM BY GETTING AN EXPLANATION FROM HIS GOVERNMENT OF THE RECENT PRESS RELEASE AND INVITATION TO THE PUERTO RICANS.

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